

steps are being taken to ensure that they are put into place.

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister responsible for the Wheat Board whether the department accepts the position that unless something is done—by that I mean putting grain elevators and terminals on a seven-day week—the government will have to finance a costly expansion program of locomotives and car fleets to meet this year's requirements?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, that is really another way of asking basically the same question in regard to what we may do. What we are doing is to try to ensure that all parties involved in the grain movement face the challenge presented by the record volumes that will have to be moved, and that each in his own turn plays his part to make that possible. I cannot at this time be specific about the exact things that will be required to accomplish this, but I can say that almost every sector of the industry will have to put additional effort into this movement.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize a last supplementary on this subject for the moment from the hon. member for Regina East, and then the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Bellechasse.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON SHORT AND LONG-TERM PLANS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister would be prepared to undertake to make a statement on motions in the near future outlining plans which are being made to handle the anticipated grain movement during the next several months; and could he also indicate when we might have further word on long-term plans concerning grain transportation and handling, and particularly on the report which I understand is being prepared by a group under his direction?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, as decisions are taken about additional steps to carry the large movement of grain they will be announced either in the House or by the particular portion of the industry concerned, or by the minister, as may be appropriate.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

HOGS—COMPENSATION TO PRODUCERS OF WEANLINGS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

In a press release dated February 3, 1972, the minister announced the policy on compensation to weanling producers who took losses in 1971. Since that date, has the minister received from producers of weanlings, known in French as "naisseurs" requests for compensation to make up their losses over that same period?

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[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): The answer, Mr. Speaker, is yes. I have received representations in many forms, directly and through dozens of letters. But the situation is that we would not like to pay the \$5 deficiency on the same hog more than once. Therefore we are going to pay when it comes to market, and not each time it is traded along the way.

[Translation]

DISTINCTION BETWEEN HOG AND WEANLING PRODUCERS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the minister.

I understand perfectly this point of view, but I would ask the minister whether he is prepared to recognize that one must distinguish between the ordinary pig breeders and those who breed piglets?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): It is very easy to recognize that there are people who are engaged in the business of producing feeder hogs, sometimes called piglets or weaners, for people who fatten them to market weight. We certainly recognize that they had low prices during 1971 as well as in other years, but the administrative problem of attempting to work out one deficiency payment for one hog and not pay it each time it is traded is very real.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): I should like to put a further supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We must try to move along or we will be running short of time. Perhaps we might return to the subject later. For the moment the Chair will recognize the right hon. member for Prince Albert.

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AIRPORTS

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS TO SITE FOR NEW FACILITY IN PICKERING TOWNSHIP—REQUEST FOR LIST OF LOCATIONS CONSIDERED

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Transport. My interest goes back to my boyhood days when I lived in the Pickering township area. Because of the tremendous unrest and ill feeling that have resulted from the choice of the area in Pickering township for the new airport, and having regard to the fact that it means the destruction of one of the finest agricultural areas in the province of Ontario as well as the removal of many historic buildings that go back 150 years, is consideration being given to paying any attention to the strong objections that are being raised not only privately but publicly at meetings against this decision?